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Petitioner's Docket No. **PC 190 30 B** (U 014988-8)

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **G. F. DUIRS**
Serial No.: **09/622,094**
Filed:
For: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM**

Group No.:
Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO MAINTAIN PARENT CASE WHEN AT THE SAME TIME
FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT**

NOTE: Where an extension of time is sought solely for the purpose of filing a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. 120, and where the prior application is to be abandoned in favor of the continuing application, the filing of a response as required by 37 CFR 1.111 or 1.113 is considered to be an unnecessary expenditure of resources by the applicant and, in these situations, the PTO will accept the filing of a continuing application as a response under 37 CFR 1.136. Notice of May 13, 1983 (1031 O.G. 11).

NOTE: The PTO finds it useful if a copy of the petition filed in the prior application extending the term for response is filed with the papers constituting the filing of the continuation application. Notice of Nov. 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).

NOTE: An express mail certificate under 37 CFR 1.10 and the "WARNING" below is shown on the presumption that this paper will be mailed with the new application.

1. This is a *bona fide* attempt by applicant to respond and to advance this application to final action, while at the same time filing a:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10*
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(check (a), (b) or (c) as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Continuation application.
(b) ☐ Continuation-in-part application.
(c) ☐ Divisional application (*where parent case is to be abandoned*).

A copy of this petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed application.

NOTE: Each paper or fee referred to as enclosed herein has the number of the "Express Mail" label placed thereon prior to mailing. 37 CFR 1.10(b).

2. ☐ An ☐ No amendment being filed in this case is attached.

3. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to

(check and complete (d) or (e), as applicable)

- (d) ☒ the Office Action mailed JULY 15, 2003
(e) ☐ other _____

4. Applicant is

- ☐ a small entity.
The statement:
☐ is enclosed.
☐ has already been filed. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.
☒ other than a small entity.

5. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00

Fee: \$ 950.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.
- ☒ Charge Account No. 12-0425 the sum of \$ 950.00.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

7. Fee Deficiency

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in resuming the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986 (1065 O.G. 31-33).

☒ If any additional or lesser extension and/or fee is required, charge or refund to Account No. 12-0425



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